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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 729

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6 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADVANCED CONDUCTOR COST-
7 EFFECTIVENESS CRITERIA; ALLOWING ADVANCED CONDUCTOR RATE BASING; PROVIDING A
8 DEFINITION; AMENDING SECTION 69-3-702, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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12 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Criteria for allowable advanced conductor programs. (1) The
13 commission may approve cost-effectiveness criteria for advanced conductor projects that may be placed into a
14 utility's rate base under this part.

15 (2) Criteria must be based on established direct current resistance at standard pressure and a
16 temperature of 20 degrees Celsius.

17 (3) As used in this section, "advanced conductor" means an overhead electricity conductor
18 installed in a transmission or distribution project that has a direct current electrical resistance at least 10% lower
19 than ~~similar~~ existing conductors of a similar diameter on the system.

20 (4) In establishing cost-effectiveness criteria, the commission may consider decreased electrical
21 losses and any other relevant consumer, environmental, and system benefits provided by advanced
22 conductors.

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24 **Section 2.** Section 69-3-702, MCA, is amended to read:

25 **"69-3-702. Eligible conservation.** Conservation purchases or investments are eligible under this part
26 if they are provided for in 69-3-1206 and in accordance with section 1 or 69-3-1209."

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1 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
2 integral part of Title 69, chapter 3, part 7, and the provisions of Title 69, chapter 3, part 7, apply to [section 1].

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4 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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